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CONTINENT OF MEDIA 00-05, a new edition, has started on RFPI, Tuesday June 27 at 2000. This edition is mostly about Latin America. Soon also at <http://www.DXing.com> Full schedule at <http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/wormassw.html> and topic summary at <http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/com0005.html>

** ALASKA. Remember to look for Don, NL7QT, to be active from Wrangell Island (NOT NA-041), June 26th through August 1st. Activity will be QRP, especially on 40 meters. He will drive to Bellingham and take the Alaska Ferry to Wrangell. It is a 2 1/2 day boat trip. Don states that this is a great way to see south east Alaska and British Columbia. He should arrive there around June 26th and hopes to be on the air soon after. QSL via bureau. His daily schedule is as follows, bands conditions permitting: [frequencies converted to kHz--jn]

10 meter SSB 28450 NA Islands/IOTA call
15 meter SSB 21350 NA Islands/IOTA call
20 meter SSB 14260 NA Islands/IOTA call
40 meter SSB 7250 NA Islands/IOTA call
80 meter SSB 3890 CW 3675 CW alt. 3710 Long Wire

He will check in daily on the following:

40 meters SSB 7233.5..0000-0300z...Century Club DX Net (alt freq is 7243)

40 meters SSB 7293..0300z...Sandia Net for messages.

40 Meters CW 7140..0505z...QRP

40 meters CW 7145..1530z...listen for Sked QRP contacts (Saturday only)

40 meters CW 7140..0530z...Daily check with WB0UFF. (KB8NW/OPDX June 26/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. On June 23, Wolf Harranth announced the following changes at the Ham Radio fair in Friedrichshafen:

- German coverage will not change (yet) but more programmes (including all news during daytime) will be relayed from the ORF, Austrian Radio & TV, the home service, and more repeats replace unique broadcasts.

- English broadcasts will be reduced starting with B00. The 24 h FM home service Blue Danube Radio will be discontinued.

Arabic and Esperanto will close completely in September or at the end of 2000.

The shortwave transmitter centre in Moosbrunn will reduce broadcasts by about 50 % with B00. Broadcasts to Europe will not be affected, only several overseas frequencies will be cancelled.

The ADR ASTRA satellite feed will close down with B00. The digital bouquet on ASTRA will continue, but all channels will be encrypted (Irdeto/Premiere World system). Only Austrians living abroad will be able to receive a subscription card, to avoid movie licensing problems.

(Andr  Schmidt, Lautert, Germany, June 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CBC Radio kicks off R3 on the Web CATHERINE JHEON - iCulture

TORONTO - CBC Radio has launched R3 on the Web, an online service that aims to bring CBC to young Canadians between the ages of 15 and 30.

``CBC Radio has been providing Canadians with a window on their country,`` said Alex Frame, vice-president of CBC Radio in today's press conference. ``It's time we started doing the same thing for young Canadians.``

R3 was originally intended as a youth radio service. But when funding for Radio Three fell through, the project was taken online.

Three websites will make up R3. The first site, 120seconds.com, which launched today, is described as a storytelling site. It covers a range of subjects, styles and opinions about life, comedy and art. Freelance contributors as well as R3 producers will provide content for the site. Justconcerts.com and newmusiccanada.com, sites focussing on live concerts and new Canadian music, will complete the R3 network when they launch this fall.

[For your surfing convenience we give the presumed full URLs:

<http://www.120seconds.com> <http://www.Justconcerts.com>

<http://www.newmusiccanada.com> <http://www.todradio.com>]

(Infoculture, CBC online June 27 via Ivan Grishin, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Also just started on CBC Radio One is todradio.com originating in Vancouver, as previewed here a few issues ago, at 2305 UT Tuesday June 27 on the web via Halifax. Said the show will be live and different every hour for each time zone, rather than repeating hourly, and more

of this pattern will ensue on CBC. No mention yet of Radio Three, but this show attempts to be very interactive as it is live on the air and did mention 120seconds.com as in story above; topic: True Love Online? ICQ 7029 3303 or was it 3203. E-mail: theshow@todradio.com If you have digital radio, show video is simulcast on DAB. Next week: Nerd Culture? Definitely seems aimed at youth audience (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR? 3751.1 UNID. 2250-2318 Junio 25; Monitoreando esta frecuencia reportada por Björn Malm (Via SWB via DXLD) escuché un lote de música ecuatoriana (pasillos) con Segundo Rosero y otros artistas populares del Ecuador. No hubo ningún locutor al aire. Por el comportamiento de la señal, me inclino a pensar que se trata de un armónico ecuatoriano (1250 x 3). A las 2318 se perdió la señal (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá, Colombia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. New via DTK: Democratic Eritrean Revival, in Oromo, 1600-1700 Mon, Thu, Sun on 15365, SINPO 55555, 130 degrees to EAF (Observer, Bulgaria, June 19 via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL WATERS [non]. {Note: some previous items on Me/Bo of Radio Northsea International fame have been headed LIBYA [non]}

Maker of Bomb Timers Says He's Legitimate Swiss Businessman.

Camp Zeist, Netherlands (AP) ñ A key witness in the Lockerbie bombing trial insisted Friday he was an ordinary Swiss businessman, despite having already admitted working with the CIA, collaborating with the former East German secret police and supplying bomb timers to Libya.

Electronics manufacturer Edwin Bollier ñ whose company allegedly made the timer that detonated the bomb on Pan Am flight 103 over Scotland, killing 270 people in 1988 ñ completed a week of testimony Friday.

Defense attorney Richard Keen spent two hours cross examining Bollier, and ended by telling the 62-year-old businessman: ``You are mired completely in a web of deceit, cunning and lying of your own invention.``

Bollier denied doing anything illegal or unusual. Deputy prosecutor Alan Turnbull asked, ``Then, I am to take it that you are just a legitimate Swiss businessman?``

Bollier responded: ``That is correct.``

Bollier's testimony was critical in the trial of alleged Libyan agents Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, who are accused of putting the bomb on board the Pan Am plane. The two men have pleaded

innocent to charges of murder and conspiracy to murder, and have tried to implicate Palestinian groups.

In five days of testimony, Bollier said his company had designed and delivered at least 25 timers to the Libyan secret service in the mid 1980s, testing them in the desert with several high-ranking Libyan agents. He acknowledged discussing explosives with the Libyans, but said he had not discussed the Lockerbie bombing. (Enid News & Eagle June 24 via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. SPECIAL EVENT STATION (Attention Prefix Hunters!). From July 24th to August 1st, look for special event station 4X85EUK. This station will be transmitting from the 85th Esperanto World Congress from Hotel Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv, Israel. The station will be operated by members of ILERA - International League of Radioamateurs Esperantists on the usual ILERA-frequencies: 7066, 14266, 21266 and 28766 kHz and packet radio (CONVERS channel 1887). (OPDX via John Norfolk, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LESOTHO. DX Information from the British DX Club (BDXC-UK). What I presume is Radio Lesotho on extended schedule as of 2115+ UTC, 27th June, on 4800 with what appears to be the trial of people who I assume have military connections (has there been a failed military coup in Lesotho recently and this is the trial of those implicated?). Mix of both vernacular and English, lots of spellings of names and mentions of "I reported to my commanding officer", etc, and what sounds to me like lots of excuses! If it's live, then it's gone midnight in Lesotho, so rather late. Anyone know anything about what might be going on?. The above information may only be reproduced if full credit is given to the original contributor AND to the British DX Club (BDXC-UK) (Tony Rogers - Birmingham, England, June 27 via DXLD)

** MOLDOVA: See ROMANIA below

** MOZAMBIQUE. Brian, C91DC, is active from Maputo with an IC-707 and dipole antenna until late September. Look for him around 0500-0530z between 28490-28495 kHz and on 14245 from 1400 through 1500z. ("DX News Letter" via KB8NW/OPDX June 26/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS. Dear List Members: I have the sad duty to inform the list members that my dear friend Joop ter Zee of the Free Radio Service Holland died in hospital at 0508 local time in Holland today. Peter has asked me to make the announcement to the boards that I post on. I was in transit from Detroit to Atlanta when I got an email message this afternoon from Peter Verbruggen w/a phone number to call. I just got off the phone w/Peter, the funeral is this Saturday the 31st [sic -ñ July 1?? -gh]. Further info can be reached at the following

email: Peter.Verbruggen@tip.nl (Maryanne Kehoe, Atlanta GA, June 27, swprograms via DXLD)

** PERU, 5855.7, UN---DO LA RADIO. 2341-0012 Junio 24. Nueva emisora peruana reportada por Björn Malm (Via SWB via DXLD), la escuché cuando presentaba música folclórica. A pesar de lo distorsionado de la modulación del micrófono pude obtener estos datos, aunque lamentablemente el nombre de la emisora no es claro para mí. La emisora transmite desde Soritor en Moyobamba. Mencionaron QTH en Jirón Urubamba a pocos pasos del Jirón Amazonas en Soritor, Provincia de Moyobamba, Depto. de San Martín. ``... Un---do la Radio, netamente San Martinense...`` ``Un---do la Radio, la radio que está apuntando al futuro...`` Mencionaron a José Isaías Bustamante como Gerente-Propietario. A mí escuchar el nombre de la emisora tiene tres sílabas, y por momentos escucho ``Uniendo la Radio`` pero las únicas sílabas que tengo claras son UN----DO (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. RRI does not broadcast on 15580 at 0700-0800, even though they announce this frequency and print it in their schedule. English to Africa at 0700-0800 is on 17735 and 15250, heard there (David Crystal, Ramat Zvi, Israel, undated aerogramme received June 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA/MOLDOVA. R Moldova International has been on the air Mon and Tue, so apparently their cut-backs are limited to the weekend transmissions. 15315 still much off nominal to the lower side and with severe interference. The audio on 7520 is still anything but good.

Last night at 2100-2200 RRI English was very strong. Then I noted transmitter side intermodulation products on 12140 (strong, from 11740-11940, plus 200 kHz) and 15030 (weak, from 15105-15180, minus 75 kHz). There was no noticeable delay between the 25 mb and 19 mb channels, so an educated guess is that all four are Tiganeshti. Only 11940 is listed as Galbeni at that time. It seems clear that RRI transmitter usage in many cases is not in agreement with HFCC registrations. The satellite usage also seems to vary from day to day. (Olle Alm, Sweden, June 13)

I just traced RRI Turkish service on 15270 from 1530. Shallow modulation. One day I had RRI Russian instead in this slot. Last Sunday I noted RRI on 17865 and 17790 instead of listed 17860 from 0800 to 0900. 2200-2300 the frequency usage seems to be flexible. 17745 and 17815 have been noted with both Portuguese and Spanish. The multilingual service at 0600 seems to have settled on 15270 instead of 15250. On Tuesday both frequencies of RRI Chinese came on the air several minutes late at 1430.

At 0000 Romanian has been noted on 11840 instead of listed but unheard 15255. 11940 still active. There are still chickens to be counted in the pen. (Olle Alm, Sweden, June 14)

Last night RRI was on a reshuffled frequency schedule with reduced transmitter usage, maybe with the Galbeni site all off.

0000-0200 Romanian on 11940(s), 17815. 0000-0100 Spanish, 0100-0200 Portuguese on 11830, 15105. 0200-0300 English on 9690, 11830, 15380(s), 15105. (s) = satellite delay (Olle Alm, Sweden, June 15)

RRI chicken pen. At 0000 Friday morning RRI was again on an extraordinary schedule, but at 0100 they went to normal. At 0000 there was Spanish on 11775, 11790, 15105, 17815 and no Romanian. About halfway through this hour 11775 switched to 11940 and Romanian. (Olle Alm, Sweden, June 16)

This morning RRI had a very different set of frequencies for its English program at 0400: 11940, 11885, 9675, 9510. Only 11940 is normal for this slot. Why did they use two 31 mb frequencies instead of 16 and 19 mb? From 0500 all frequencies in use were the normal ones. Their website seems to be the safest way of getting to hear them until they also start changing their URL from day to day (Olle Alm, Sweden, June 17)

At 1600 I was amazed to hear a relatively clear ID ``Aici Antena Brasovul`` and announcing this [??? -gh] freq. I haven't seen anywhere anything about Brasov having local programss. Does anyone have an e-mail or snail-mail address to this station? (Mauno Ritola, Finland, hcdx March 12)

Recently I got an Email from R Targu Mures (Romania) which could bring some more light to a log from March this year. They wrote me (in Romanian language) that they broadcast on MW 1197 a two hour program produced by the editing suboffice ``Antena Brasovului``. This suboffice belongs to the broadcasting studio Targu Mures. My other questions like addr of ``Antena Brasovului`` or if this program is broadcast also on the other frequenciess (1323 and 1593) of R Targu Mures remained unanswered. The Email address is: msradiator@netsoft.ro (Erich Bergmann, Germany, June 18)

{MOLDOVA [non]}. Until now they had more daily transmission hours; just compare the schedule given in WRTH with the current one (as reported by Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria)

The amount of evening transmissions was reduced, the ones in the morning cancelled at all. And in addition it seems, that they also reverted to the Mon-Fri only practice.

{ROMANIA} - Saftica vs. Tiganeshti: Looks like there was not enough space for the new 250 kW facilities at the Saftica site, so they erected them some 12 km north at the Tiganeshti place. Contrary Galbeni had room for two further 250 kW transmitters and antennas. Regarding Saftica the question seems to be, how many of these 18 kW transmitters this site once had. I wonder, if these are actually units, which otherwise would be rated as 20 kW, similar to the 17 kW from Berlin-Britz on 6190 kHz (Kai Ludwig-, Germany, June 14)

(all of the above: WWDXC Top-News June 20 via DXLD)

** ROMANIA. R. Romania Aktualitatsi HS-1 via Galbeni: 0000-0600 7225, 9625; 0600-1900 11830, 15105; 1900-2200 9530, 11830; 2200-2400 7105, 9625 (Observer, Bulgaria, June 19 via DXLD)

** YUGOSERBIA. R. ``Yugoslavia`` no show June 19 and 20 at 0000 English to NAm on 11870; ditto 0430 to WNA (Bob Thomas, CT, June 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. Extended schedule of Christian Voice via Lusaka from May 17: 1500-0300 4965, 0300-0600 6065; formerly off the air between 2200 and 0400 (Observer, Bulgaria, June 19 via DXLD) Brian Alexander previously reported here 4965 closing at 0257*, so look for it shortly on 6065 (gh, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. Glenn: Re: "I can't hear 11765 (or 909 !) but 17580 appears to carry News Now (Noël Green, UK, DSWCI Jun 25) Every day? (gh, DXLD)"

On the 17 and 24 June CW, I gave 17580 as a frequency for Zimbabwe Forum. That should have been 15460 // 11765 909. The 17580 is the new frequency for Talk to America to compensate for losing 909. Apologies to all. 73 (Kim Elliott, June 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###